



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

September 9, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver of Over Dimensional Housing Units in Support of Hurricane Relief for the Gulf Coast States.

Hurricane Katrina has caused widespread damage throughout the Gulf States. In response to the impacts from this hurricane and to ensure a speedy recovery to those citizens in the Gulf States impacted by the hurricane, the Commonwealth of Virginia is looking at ways to ensure Over Dimensional Housing Units get into areas impacted by high winds, storm surge, tornadoes and flooding.

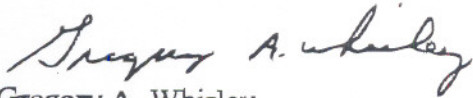
As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal width, height, and length restrictions for the purpose transporting Over Dimensional Housing Units to the disaster area. This waiver is effective beginning September 2, 2005 until midnight on October 30, 2005. It pertains to carriers transporting Over Dimensional Housing Units into areas impacted by the hurricanes or traveling to staging areas that will ultimately support those areas impacted by hurricanes. The bill of lading that accompanies the housing units will specify "FEMA" emergency disaster relief.

The maximum load restriction for this waiver cannot exceed 14 feet wide, 14 feet high or 100 feet in length. All loads moving under the authority of this waiver do not require a Virginia Hauling Permit and must comply with safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual. Also, continuous travel is on interstate routes only, off interstate travel is only valid between sunrise and sunset.

Any size requirements for larger Housing Units will require a Virginia Hauling Permit and will not be subject to normal fees.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or call the TEOC at (804) 371-0890.

Sincerely,


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September 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Update Number 1. Waiver to Carriers Transporting Essential Emergency Relief Supplies in Support of Hurricane Katrina Relief.

Hurricane Katrina caused widespread damages throughout the Gulf Coast and Southeast. In response to the impacts from Hurricane Katrina and to ensure a speedy recovery to those citizens impacted by the hurricane, the Commonwealth of Virginia is looking at ways to ensure goods and services get into areas impacted by high winds, storm surge, tornadoes and flooding.

As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal weight and width restrictions for the purpose of ensuring essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning August 30, 2005 until midnight on October 30, 2005. It pertains only to shippers and carriers of essential emergency relief supplies into those areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina and are subject to the weight restrictions below:

TRUCK TYPE	MAX G.V.W.	SINGLE AXLE	TANDEM AXLE	3 AXLE GROUP	4 AXLE GROUP
3 AXLES	60,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+ Axles*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

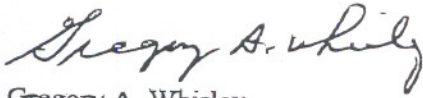
* With a minimum 51 feet overall axle spacing.

Loads are restricted to a maximum of 10 feet wide provided they follow the hauling permit and safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual.

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